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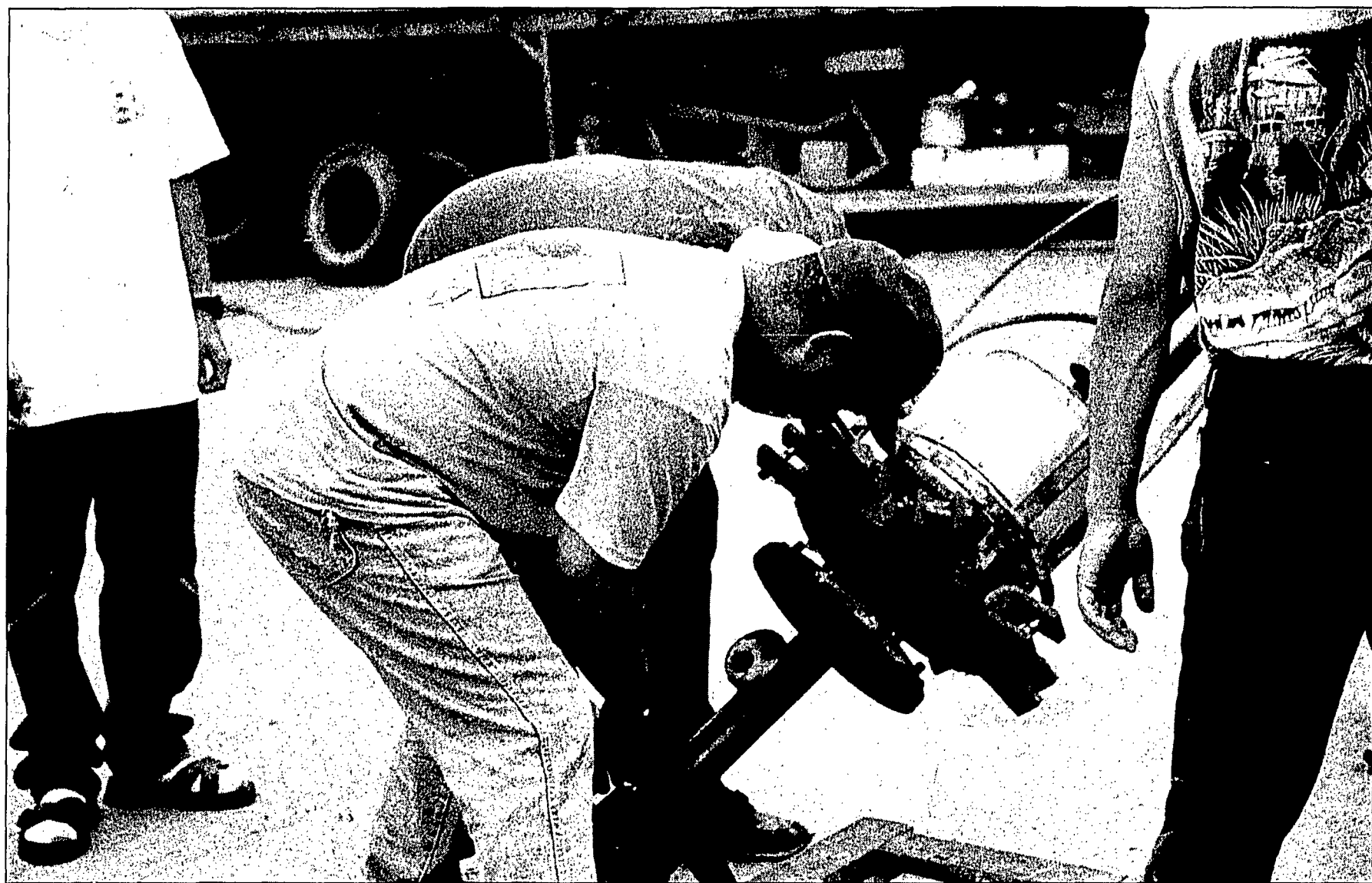
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Ronald Robinson lifts the center of the Tilt-A-Whirl into place on Tuesday evening. The center is what holds the entire ride together. The carnival workers had to be sure that each piece fit into its designated spot. There will be games and rides for all ages during

the Nodaway County Fair. A motorcycle, boat and pink elephant ride will be available for the children and the Hurricane, the Sizzler, bumper boats and a new ride this year called Aladdin will be on site for other patrons.

HEATHER EPPERLY/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Preparation for fair days

By HEATHER EPPERLY
MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

The Nodaway County Fair is on schedule to open this week and Maryville is ready to experience another year of fun and socializing.

It all began Sunday evening in the Nodaway County Fair Queen contest. This year's winner was Selena Owens, Maryville resident. The first runner up was Carrie Stiens, Maryville resident, and the second runner up was Kimberly Brand from Hopkins.

The festivities continue throughout the week. Thursday at 5 p.m. the concession booths and carnival rides open to the public.

Barb Walk, Maryville resident, is looking forward to working in a concession stand for this year's fair. Walk will help at the Today's Civic Women stand making fresh squeezed lemonade for

fair-goers.

"The best part of the fair would be seeing old friends who haven't been home in a long time come back to town," Walk said.

According to Vince Shelby, chairman of the Nodaway County Fair Board, the carnival will include a motorcycle, boat and pink elephant ride for the children. For the older patrons there will be the Hurricane, the Sizzler, bumper boats and a new ride called Aladdin. There will also be a variety of rides for all ages to enjoy.

Shelby said there were many things about the fair that he was looking forward to.

"Seeing the kids smile when they come off the rides is great," Shelby said.

On Thursday night, there will be an appearance of professional wrestling at the fair. The Fair Brawl II will take place on the main stage at 7 p.m. Tickets will

be sold for \$5 each.

Another event the fair board is looking forward to is the Super Farmer Contest. It takes place at 9 p.m. on Friday. This event consists of area farmers in various contests, such as a haybale throwing contest.

The parade will begin on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The parade entries will begin their route on Fourth Street, turn onto Main Street, turn east on Third Street and end on Market Street.

There will also be musical entertainment included in this year's fair. A band, 2 for the Show, is set to entertain the crowds at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. They are a group that plays a variety of music to entertain and interact with the crowds.

The fair board members have worked hard to bring the Nodaway County Fair from an idea to a reality. They all agree that they cannot wait

until Sunday when it will all be over.

"It's just fun to see everyone come in and enjoy the fair," said Rod Barr, fair board member.

The final event of the weekend is the ninth annual fair day run/walk. It is a 5K run/walk organized by the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by St. Francis Hospital, Kawasaki and Pepsi bottlers. According to Carol King, administrative assistant for Parks and Recreation, many runners have already registered.

"Hopefully we'll have over 100 participants this year," King said.

King said people can also register Sunday at 7 a.m. before the run begins at 8 a.m. There will be trophies awarded to the fastest man and woman runner. Medals will also be awarded to the three fastest times in each age group. The contest begins and ends at the University Conference Center.

Community thespians' play proves successful

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Nodaway Community Theater Company's production of "Steel Magnolias" drew an audience of more than 200 people on opening night Thursday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The play, written by Robert Harling, was popularized by the movie which starred Julia Roberts, Darryl Hannah, Shirley McClain, Sally Fields, Olympia Dukakis, Dolly Parton, Sam Shepard and Tom Skerrit. Although the movie does closely follow the stage version there are no male roles in the play.

All four acts took place in a beauty parlor in Chinquapin, La.

The play followed the relationships of six women as they celebrated the marriage of Shelby (Angela Zieber), the birth of her baby, and mourned her untimely death due to complications with her diabetes.

The actors had the audience in tears and stitches throughout the performance.

One of the more comical characters, Quiser (Mary Ebrecht), pronounced "Weezer," claimed to have been in a bad mood for the past 40 years. Quiser got one of the biggest laughs of the night during the most emotional scene in the play. Much of the audience had

just been moved to tears by M'Lynns (Brenda Steins) breakdown after her daughter's funeral. Clairee (Debi White) provided the comic relief when she offers up Quiser as a punching bag to M'Lynn. "Come on Quiser, this is your chance to give back to humanity," Clairee said.

Producer Nina Dewhirst was busy in the front of the theater but could hear the laughter through the doors.

Dewhirst said the extended applause she heard at the end of the play showed the audience really appreciated the performance.

The youngest cast member Rachel Melton (Annelle) said she wasn't nervous.

"It's one of the few things I don't get nervous about," Melton said. "I was definitely nervous nobody would show up."

The actors had been rehearsing for more than a month and were ready to see what kind of reaction

they would get from the audience. Director Denise Hastings was pleased with the attendance.

"It was really nice for me to see people's reactions. I looked over at my friend at one point and he had tears running down his face," Director Denise Hastings said. "When (the play) came together it really came together well."

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DENISE HASTINGS
DIRECTOR

Gore campaigns in Kansas City



Vice President Al Gore speaks to a packed crowd in the sweltering heat at the Barney Allis Plaza Tuesday in Kansas City. Gore spoke on everything from a patients' Bill of Rights raising the minimum wage and raising the pay of teachers.

JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Academy enrollment increasing

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

Enrollment for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing is up to 35, with as many as 12 other students under consideration or deciding whether to accept.

Decisions have been deferred on three additional students because one of the six criteria was not entirely met. These students have the option of reapplying next year after bringing that criteria up to set requirements.

Saturday marked the first day of operations for the academy as 11 students and their parents came to campus for entrance exams, orientation and hour-long one-on-one interviews with the academy staff.

"Saturday was a really big day for us," said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the academy. "It was our first real day of operation."

"I think it went really well. It was fun working with the students knowing that we're going to be seeing them again this fall. The parents were really supportive and that's great."

The staff is enjoying the opportunity to work with the students on a personal basis, Pinizzotto said.

With students scheduled to arrive on campus Aug. 20, opening day is quickly approaching.

"You do all the planning for a year and then you kind of have to sit back and hope it all works," Pinizzotto said.

The academy staff has also grown in size in recent weeks with the addition of three key staff members. AnDi Thompson was hired as the residential life coordinator, Theresa Wilson came on board as the director of recruiting and admissions and Terry King, math and statistics professor, will take on duties as the director of academic programs.

Housing study being discussed

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

Focus groups with students, faculty, staff and community members will be conducted this fall to determine the future status of Northwest's residential facilities.

After a long research process, the study's findings were presented to the Board of Regents at its June meeting.

The study is looking at several options including complete renovations of all remaining residence halls, the possibility of privatized housing and basic maintenance on the halls until another option presents itself, said Kent Porterfield, vice president for student affairs.

He said the University is considering all the options to ensure that the correct decision is made for Northwest, which is why the focus groups will be held.

"We're a public institution and we have a responsibility to keep it reasonably priced," Porterfield said. "That's one reason we're considering the privatized housing."

Privatized housing allows a developer to build a complex on campus to subsidize the availability of campus housing. The developer would design and construct the facility, and therefore take the financial risk away from the University.

"(Privatized housing) may be a possible way we can offer newer, more modern facilities to students without increasing the cost a substantial amount," Porterfield said. "We're just trying to offer the highest quality facilities at a reasonable price."

Porterfield said the results of the study so far have given the group an understanding of what needs to be looked at. "I think we have a sense of direction now in terms of asking people what we need to ask," Porterfield said. "That's not to say we won't look at building new (residence halls) on our own or renovating the ones we have."

The projected cost of complete renovations to all of the remaining residence halls is upwards of \$80 million, including approximately \$17 million for Hudson Hall alone.

"If we're going to invest, or somebody's going to invest the money, we want to make sure it's not a facility that's going to be outdated in five years," Porterfield said. "We're going to want to make sure it's something students will want for 10, 15 or 20 years. And who better to tell us that than the students."

"We're not absolutely certain what we'll ultimately decide, but we're going to make sure we have all the facts. This is an important decision that is really going to affect the University and we want to make sure we make the right one."

Officials investigating flood of Phillips Hall

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The first, second and basement floors of Phillips Hall were flooded Tuesday morning due to the opening of a fire hydrant stand pipe.

Matt Baker, residential life coordinator, said 56 hours of overtime was required to remove the water which began flowing at about 12:30 a.m.

"It hasn't done any structural or permanent damage," Baker said. "It's unusual because we haven't had anything like this happen before."

Baker said the "prank" investigation is currently pointing at a high school camper.

Chris Andrews, a camp director, said he is not sure who turned the main to the on position.

"We do not know who did it, all we know is that our campers and other campers were in the building," he said.

Computers in Phillips Hall were also a concern of the flooding damage, said Don Haynes, manager of electronic campus services.

"As far as I know, we went over there after one (computer) and it checked out OK," Haynes said.

Haynes said he suspects there was no damage caused to any other computers in Phillips Hall.

U.S. Senate hopefuls focus on health care

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With the November elections just around the corner Gov. Mel Carnahan and Sen. John Ashcroft, candidates for U.S. Senate are addressing one of the biggest issues in their campaigns — health care.

Tony Wyche, press secretary for Carnahan, said 30 percent of seniors citizens have no prescription drug coverage and that Carnahan

has created a prescription drug tax credit to help America's senior citizens.

"We're working on legislation that will offset the cost of health care," Wyche said. "They (seniors) would be able to take a \$200 tax credit for prescriptions they bought that year. Ashcroft had the opportunity to pass the Norwood-Nichol bill that would have helped those without coverage and his vote

against it killed the bill."

Daryl Duwe of Republican Headquarters in Jefferson City said the Norwood-Nichol bill looked nice on the outside but had problems on the inside.

"It allowed for unlimited punitive damages but not for the actual procedures the patients need," Duwe said. "Under Ashcroft's plan a patient can sue for a maximum of \$350,000 and access a \$10,000

fine to the HMO. Any treatment the patient was denied will then be paid for by an insurance company."

Along with tax credits for the elderly, Carnahan has also proposed tax deduction for families to help pay for their health insurance policies.

Patients are not currently able to sue their HMO's but both party candidates are working to change that, although from different degrees.

"Our plan allows patients who have been denied care or have been harmed by their HMO's to sue their HMO's for damages," Wyche said. "Ashcroft's legislation doesn't allow for that kind of direct action."

According to Daryl Duwe of the Missouri Republican Headquarters Carnahan's plan would be detrimental to availability of health insurance through employers.

"It doesn't hold up financially,"

Duwe said. "Carnahan's plan reflects his complete lack of understanding of how things work on a federal level. It gives a person the right to sue but doesn't allow one to get the treatment they need. If you go with the Carnahan plan you could have HMO's getting sued for \$5 to \$10 million and then employers just won't offer health plans anymore because it comes back on them."

Northwest Greeks work last weekend

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Much like during the school year when students take a spring break, Northwest Greeks also took a break from the summer to return to campus for Work Weekend last weekend.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, said the weekend allows students an opportunity to plan for the upcoming trimester.

"It's just a weekend to plan out the fall without waiting until the week before classes start," Vanosdale said.

Vanosdale said every fraternity and sorority takes part in Work Weekend to prepare mainly for fall rush activities but also to complete individual projects as well.

"It's kind of individualized to each organization," Vanosdale said. "A lot of them will do community service and a lot of them use the time to do their highway cleanup."

Vanosdale said not only is work weekend a time to plan for the upcoming school year but also to visit fraternity brothers and sorority sisters.

"It's a time that you can just re-connect with your friends and some of these people haven't seen each other since the third or fourth of April," he said.

Approximately 1,000 students returned for work weekend this summer because it is so much fun for Greek members, Phi Mu Brianne King said.

"It's always been a weekend that everyone looks forward to," she said.

The Phi Mu's used this summer's Work Weekend to discuss a national convention some of its members had attended, plan fall rush events, conduct an executive board meeting and socialize with friends whom they hadn't seen in a while, King said.

"The majority of the weekend is to come back and socialize at a midway point through the summer," King said. "The work didn't take that long at all."

Delta Chi Fraternity used the weekend to do a number of repairs to its house, yard work and straightening up for fall rush, said Aaron Lewis, Delta Chi member.

About 35 of approximately 65 of Delta Chi's members attended work weekend. Lewis said he was pleased with the turnout and the amount of work the organization got done.

"I was pretty pleased with the quality and it was just good to get some of the work done," he said.

Lewis said although some people think of Work Weekend as nothing but socialization, although that does take place, a lot of work goes into the traditional weekend event.

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BRYAN VANOSDALE
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Meeting Lady Luck



Marla, Jeff and Heather Young sit proudly in their new Suncruiser Trinidad 224 pontoon boat. Marla, a Maryville resident, won the pontoon boat at the St. Joseph Frontier Casino on July 3.

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Former student to tour internationally with punk rock band

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Tim Davis, a 1995 graduate of Northwest, has been in Los Angeles since the week after he graduated. Davis, who is originally from Iowa had never been to California before moving there in 1995.

Davis said he moved to get away from the Midwest's weather, for career opportunities and to get a new perspective on life.

"I started out working at a GNC (General Nutrition Center) near Venice," Davis said.

"While I was there I saw an ad

for a recording school and decided to try it out."

Davis got his degree from Northwest in broadcasting and had always been interested in music and the recording business.

While Davis was at the recording school he met a student who worked for Rat Sound, an Los Angeles-based company. The business specialized in building public announcement systems for major touring acts like Red Hot Chili Peppers, Beck and Pearl Jam.

"That guy ended up leaving his position at Rat and recommended

me to the owners," Davis said. "My first job was to help install a PA system in a club in Pomona called the Glasshouse."

Davis' hard work caught the eye of Chris Kathman, a contributing columnist for Pro Sound News and long-time sound engineer for the rock band Cake. Kathman also worked at Rat Sound from time to time.

"Chris and I worked for two weeks putting together a rig for Red Hot Chili Peppers," Davis said. "He ended up writing his article that month about my work ethic."

Davis soon found himself working the monitor sound board at the Glasshouse.

He worked with such bands as Social Distortion, No Doubt, Bush, Bad Religion, O'Jays, Cardigans and many others.

Davis said his job is one of the hardest because he controls what the band hears on the stage and without good monitor mixes the band's performance could be in jeopardy.

"I'm always in the hot-seat. The band looks at me if they can't hear something," Davis said. "I was sup-

posed to tour with the Eels this month but after five shows I knew it wasn't going to work out. The singer is just a miserable person who is manic depressive and I couldn't work with him so I left the tour."

Davis said he has run into quite a few premedonnas but treasures the good experiences.

"I worked with Henry Rollins at the Glasshouse twice," Davis said. "His muscles and tattoos are kind of intimidating but he is a really cool guy."

Davis will be traveling with the

punk band MXPX in August to Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Hawaii running the monitor board.

"I've toured with those guys before. They are by far the coolest band I've ever worked with," Davis said. "They call me 'Gadget' because I have a tool for every occasion."

Davis gives credit for much of his success to his college experience.

"Going through school helped me to learn stick-to-it-ness," Davis said. "It's opened a lot of doors for me."

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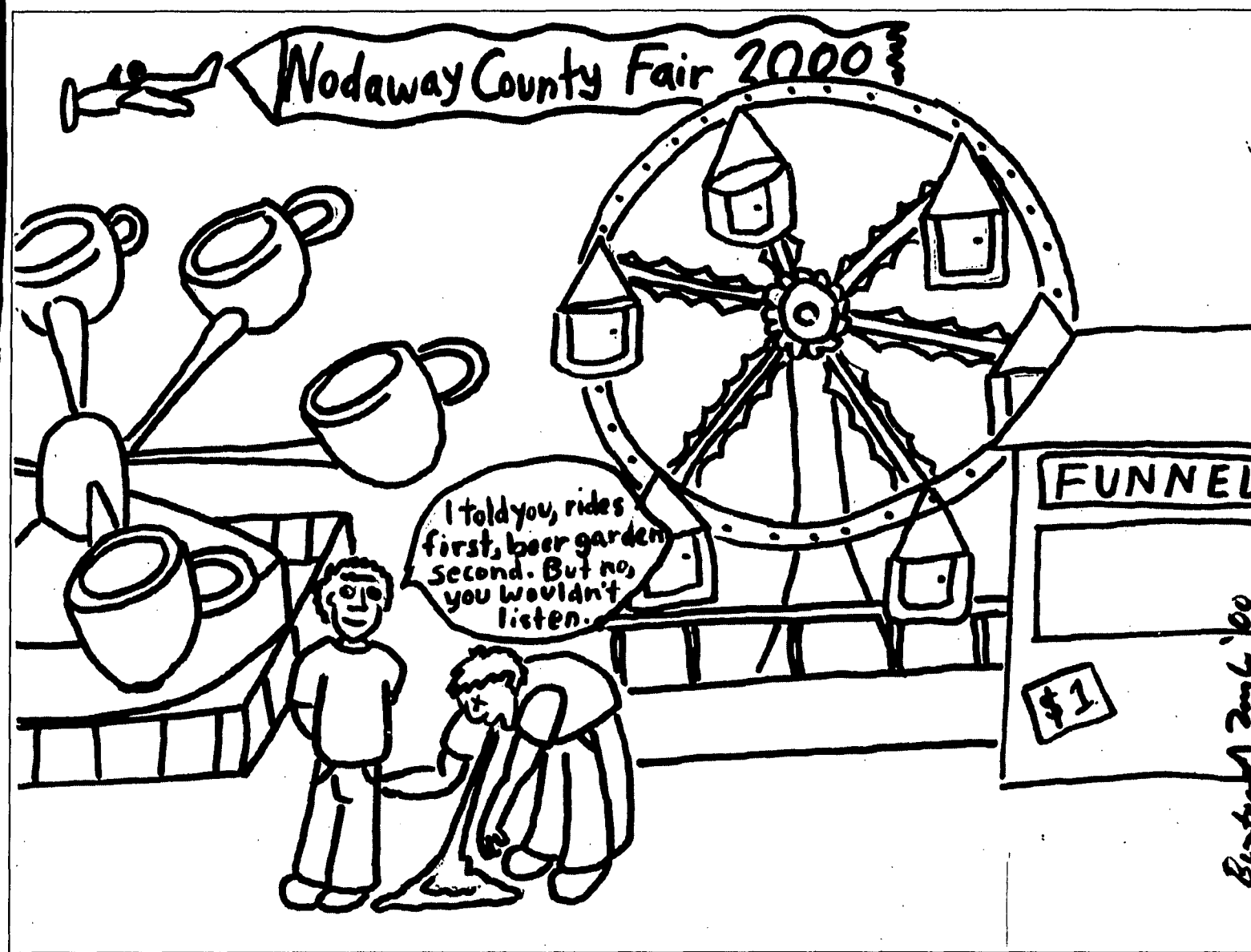
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MY VIEW

Any team could rise to NFL Super Bowl status



BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

they will not win.

Who the heck is going to step up and be the true spoken leader for this team? Smith is definitely a great leader, but Sanders is going to want to speak his mind and those are two personalities I would hate to see clash.

Since his arrival in 1994, head coach Norv Turner was the man to bring the 'Skins back to their prime, but he has failed to lead this team into the Super Bowl and will be instantly unemployed if he does not deliver this year, but he should not feel too much pressure trying to satisfy his clubhouse.

Other than suffering from the heat and visiting town and county fair beer gardens, July brings the first look at the National Football League, with camps opening across the nation.

Yes, it is that time of the year to start making the predictions and talking smack before it gets thrown back in your face.

Who is going to be in this year's Super Bowl? I have no idea. But I know of several teams that will make things interesting.

Even with the millions of dollars the Washington Redskins have spent on veteran stalwarts defensive end Bruce Smith, cornerback Deion Sanders, quarterback Jeff George and safety Mark Carrier to produce a Super Bowl, there are plenty of reasons why

In my opinion team owner Daniel Snyder should never have spent the amount of money he has on several of the veterans this team picked up. How many months or maybe years are left in the tanks if these players get injured?

Despite all the talk of Washington dominating I do believe this is going to be a year full of surprises.

The American Football Conference looks to be as competitive as ever with teams like the Jacksonville Jaguars, Indianapolis Colts, Tennessee Titans and the Buffalo Bills once again making a run for the Super Bowl.

But of course, with off-season transactions there will be several other teams looking to put their name in the playoff mix like the Baltimore Ravens, Oakland Raiders and the Denver Broncos.

On the National Football Conference side, I personally like what the Tampa Bay Buccaneers did in the offseason. But the biggest problem with the Buc's is at quarterback.

Can second-year quarterback Shaun King improve upon himself and lead the Buc's to the promise land? It just depends on how many times King can get the damn ball to wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson.

Even with all the fire power that has been stockpiled by several teams, I still expect to see the St. Louis Rams defend their title as respectfully as they won it. I am also excited to see if Arena Football quarterback Kurt Warner is the "real deal" or another has-been who is ready to end his 15 minutes of fame.

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YOUR VIEW

What part of the Nodaway County Fair are you looking forward to most?
Why?



"I am looking forward to the different livestock shows and exhibits."

Doug Williams
Maryville Resident



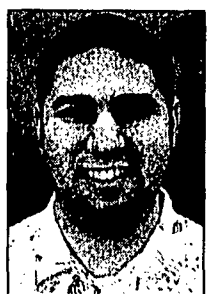
"I am looking forward to the fun games and prizes that come with the fair."

Angie Statesman
Maryville Resident



"Usually the parade is a fun time, but I really look forward to the whole fair."

Jason Larson
Maryville Resident



"I am looking forward to the wrestling event on Thursday evening. I am a big fan of it and it should be a great time."

Matt Growling
Education Major



"I am going to enjoy the parade and the barbecue contest this year."

Stephan Lenord
Maryville resident

OUR VIEW

Expectations of fair

The Missourian staff looks forward to weekend at Nodaway County's summer celebration

As a University publication, most of *The Missourian* staff has never been to the Nodaway County Fair.

Most of us have been to our respective county or state fairs, but we have not experienced the pride and work that is put into the county of our college town.

However, through covering the event so far this summer, we have gotten an idea of what it will be like. The majority of the events will be similar to that of other fairs we have attended. But through talking with community leaders and business owners, *The Missourian* staff has realized how special this event is to the community and its residents.

In all actuality the same probably holds true for our home towns, however we have noticed here in Nodaway County the great amount of time and work that has been invested in this annual event.

The Nodaway County Fair Board has planned a list of events and activities for area residents extending from the traditional funnel cake, seen at practically every county or state fair, to The Fair Brawl II, a professional wrestling event which is unique to Nodaway County's fair.

The list of events goes on and on and credit is due to not only the fair board, but local businesses as well. More than 30 local businesses have donated over \$23,000 to the fair for the event.

The Missourian thinks that act of generosity on the part of business owners is a great example of community pride.

We are looking forward to the events, the rides and the cotton candy. Our expectations are extremely high because of the work we have noticed taking place in preparation. And in our eyes, we do not see how the Nodaway County Fair could be anything less than a success.

However, we have one expectation that does not include the businesses or the fair board, instead the residents of the community.

We would like to see every Nodaway County resident at the fair participating and enjoying the events that so many community members have planned and sponsored for the benefit of these neighbors, friends and families.

The Missourian staff believes this single event could take the already strong community of Nodaway County and make it stronger.

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MY VIEW

Reporter looking for events to keep her busy this summer



JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It seems that once the excitement of the Fourth of July dies down, the endless summer days quickly disappear. Where did this summer break go?

For me, the end of the spring trimester has always been followed by unrealistic travel plans and infinite days in the sun. Four blank pages on the calendar just waiting for adventures to be penciled in. Unfortunately, I never seem to be able to follow through with the plans I make.

Lately, I have reluctantly realized that road trips to those crazy, exotic places require money that I do not have just lying around. Finding a dollar in the pocket of my shorts can make my whole day. This just illustrates the fact that I cannot afford a trip to the ocean.

Despite this small set back, my roommate and I continue to scheme trips to far off destinations.

Vacations that are much bigger than our checking accounts.

I think I have realized that it is not so much the trip hundreds of miles away, but the point that I feel the need to do something big and spontaneous this summer. Work, classes and the weekend social scene becomes redundant after awhile.

What really bothers me is that this summer is flashing by in a blur and I have yet to do something big. Something to set this summer apart from the rest, but maybe my expectations are too high.

In fact, this summer is already marking itself with a lot of firsts. Maybe it isn't just one big experience that can make this summer one to look back on, but the little things.

Finally out of the residence halls, my new house has already created memories. This is the first time that I have not gone back to my home town to live during the summer, and the stories are already adding up. There is no doubt that my porch swing will be the back drop to most of our recollections.

My roommate and I have found that from our swing, we can easily amuse ourselves by watching people try to walk home from the bars. There are many laughs and stories from this pastime. Our porch swing has also been the setting for endless talks that produce blackmail material you only entrust to your friends.

With about a month left of break, there is no doubt that these next few weeks will slip by until fall semester sneaks up on us and slaps us in the face. I just wish I could grab ahold of something to slow everything down and soak in the events of the remaining days.

A lot has happened in the last couple of months, but I still have one more to go and the possibilities are endless. Even if my plans for some wild excursion do fall through, which they most likely will, I still have the laughs and stories to make it a break to remember.

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CORRECTIONS

In the July 13 issue, Roy Williams' employer was incorrectly attributed. Williams is employed with the University of Kansas. *The Missourian* regrets this error.

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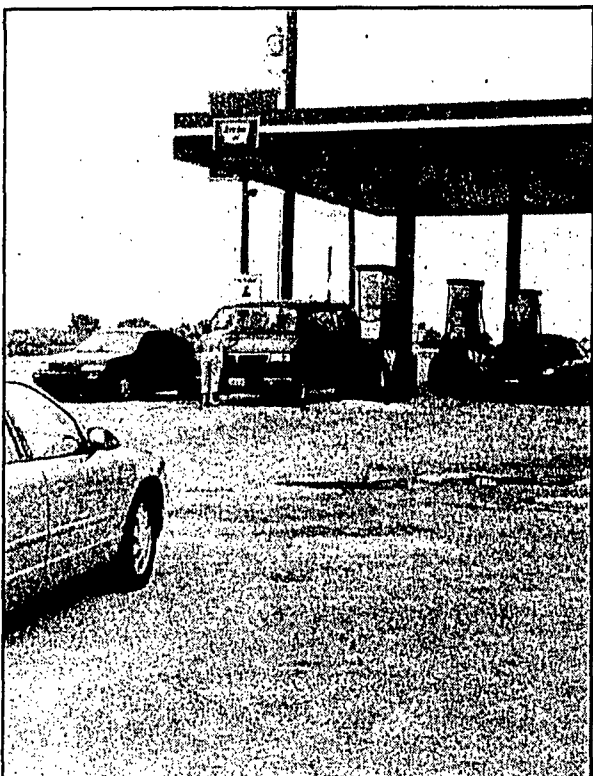
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After a high increase in the price of gas this summer, Maryville residents are starting to see a steady decrease recently throughout the area with prices as low as \$1.31 at the Midway Shop & Hop.

Gas prices take drop

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

After increases of as much as 15 cents per week earlier this summer, gasoline prices are finally edging back down to lower levels.

With prices as low as \$1.31 at the Midway Shop & Hop, customers are beginning to relax at the pumps.

Maryville gas stations have not seen much of a change in business from when the prices began to increase to the current decrease.

"People bought gas even when it was high," said Roberta Alej, manager at the Maryville Shop & Hop. "There's not going to be a change in demand now that it's gone down."

Alej said buying practices have been consistent despite the prices.

"I didn't see people buying \$5 worth (when prices were high) just to get by to see if it went down," Alej said. "They still filled their tanks. So I don't expect a change now that it's gone down."

Steve Dempsey, owner of Pit Stop and Pit Stop South, said his business was slow when prices were high because of local factories being closed.


"At the time (gas prices were) up all the factories were closed," Dempsey said. "Kawasaki was closed; Energizer was closed. So for the past few weeks we've been slow anyway."

John Beeman, manager at Casey's General Store on 16th and Main streets, said he hasn't noticed any differences in customers' buying habits.

"I haven't noticed any differences other than customers like the prices better," Beeman said. "I haven't noticed any difference in sales quantity."

Gas Prices

When comparing the price of Unleaded Plus gasoline in Maryville to the price of Super Unleaded at the Midway Shop & Hop one notices a 6 to 8 cent difference in price. To reap the benefits of driving to Midway, one would have to buy 12 gallons of gas.

	Pit Stop	
	• Regular Unleaded	1.39
	• Unleaded Plus	1.44
	• Premium Unleaded	1.49
Maryville Shop & Hop		
	• Regular Unleaded	1.37
	• Unleaded Plus	1.37
	• Premium Unleaded	1.47
Midway Shop & Hop		
	• Super Unleaded	1.31
	• Regular Unleaded	1.32

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Knowing what your dollar is used for

Do you know what you are investing in? The answer may startle you.

Of course, you do have some idea of where your investment dollars are going. For example, you may have bought some technology stocks, which have clearly dominated the marketplace recently. There are numerous promising opportunities in this area, including companies that specialize in the Internet, wireless and cable communications, and so-called "broadband" — the technology that allows voice and data to be delivered over the Internet.

When you buy these types of companies, you are obviously hoping that your investment will grow significantly. However, you need to be aware that, in exchange for these growth prospects, you are also accepting a relatively high degree of investment risk — a point that was made quite clear in recent months when the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index went through some

enormous ups and downs.

There's nothing wrong with investing in these technology stocks — as long as that's what you have in mind. But you don't want to become an "inadvertent" investor. You might be surprised, for example, at how many technology holdings you have in your mutual funds. The average stock fund manager has raised his or her fund's technology allocation from 2.6 percent in 1991 to 24.3 percent in 1999, according to Morningstar, a well-known mutual fund rating agency. Part of the reason for this jump is that mutual fund managers get judged by their performance — and lately, virtually all the big performance numbers have come from technology

stocks. But, when these stocks decline, they often fall longer and harder than the overall market.

Fund managers aren't trying to hide these increases in tech stocks — in fact, this information is readily available in the semiannual and annual reports you receive from your mutual fund companies. But unless you pay particularly close attention to the "holdings" section of these reports, you could be surprised by the story they are telling.

If you do find out that your mutual funds have taken on a heavy weighting in technology, what should you do? The answer depends totally on your individual preferences, your risk tolerance and your time horizon. If you plan on

investing for many more years, and you do not mind assuming some short-term risk in exchange for potential long-term returns, then you may decide to leave your fund as it is, assuming you are still satisfied with the fund manager's investment philosophy.

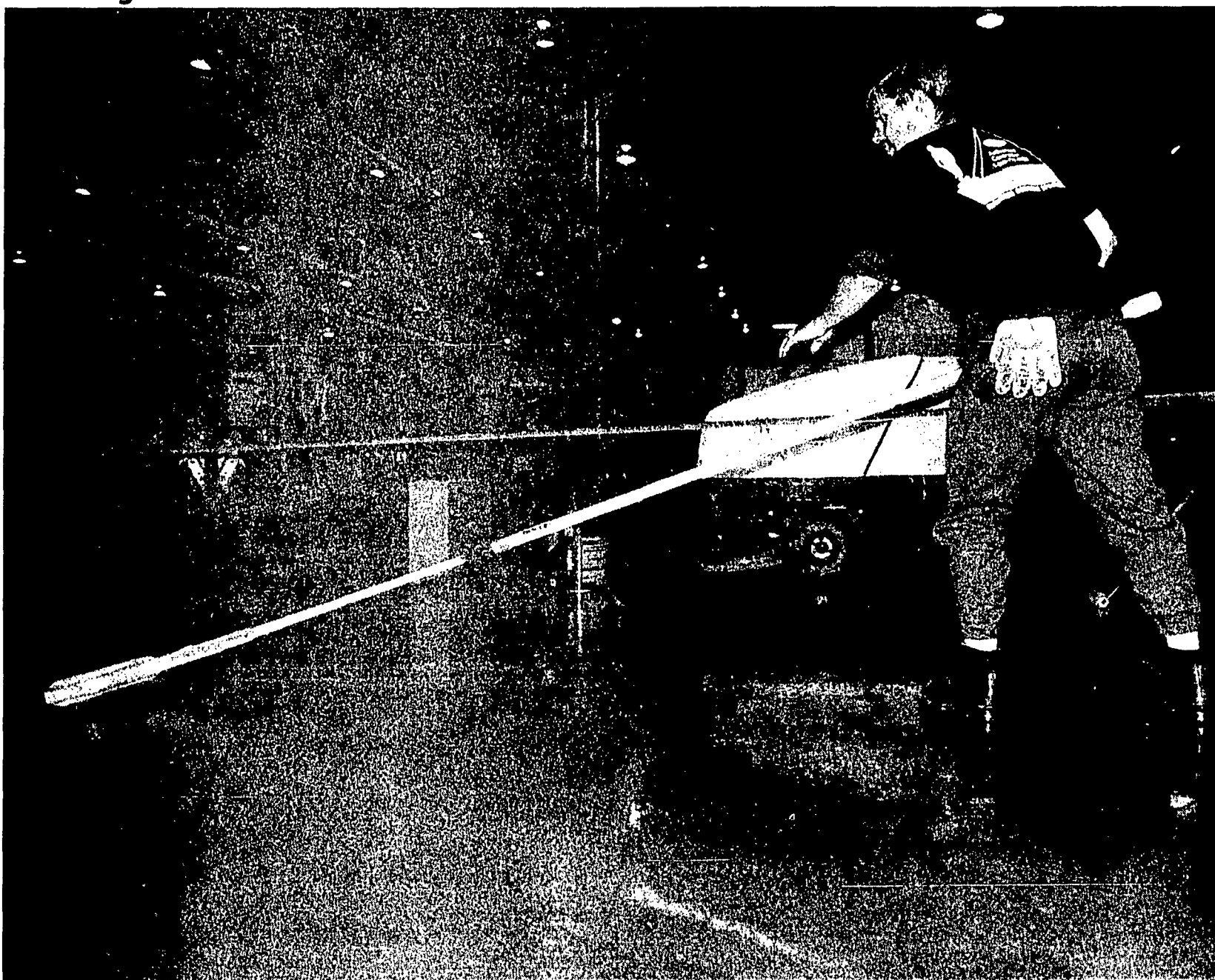
On the other hand, if you think you will be needing the money in the near future, and you are uncomfortable with the level of investment risk posed by a technology-heavy fund, you may want to make some changes.

Under any circumstances, though, it is always a good idea to periodically review your mutual portfolio with your investment representative and "rebalance" it to meet your needs. Mutual funds do change over time; as an informed investor, you should make sure those changes conform with your needs and objectives.

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Financial FOCUS

Final stages of Kawasaki renovations



Robert Bo Jack, Kawasaki plant employee, works on the floor of the plant. Doug Sutton, plant manager, said construction to the addition is nearing completion. The addition was made to put in more machine lines for building more machine parts, Sutton said.

HEATHER EPPERLY/ MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Appliance store ready to make southern move

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Radio Shack Appliance and TV Mart is in the beginning stages of moving to its new location on the 2600 block of South Main Street.

The 51-year-old Maryville business is moving into a new establishment allowing for additional showroom space and more services for its customers, store owner Cliff McNair said.

A tentative store opening date has been set for September 1, but McNair said it is possible the new store location could be ready earlier.

"We're shooting conservatively," he said. "I think we'll be ready (before then) but you don't want to put it out there too far."

Not only will the new location offer a new theater appliance room, working model kitchen, cellular installation station and car audio station, but the business will also adopt a new name — Best Brands Plus Radio Shack Dealer.

The name Best Brands Plus was adopted after McNair was informed that the individually owned chain was known for having a high level of increased business in other areas.

He said other Best Brands stores have been known for business increases of up to 67 percent.

In preparing the new location for the business, McNair had to hire a number of contractors to do the majority of the work — which he said are mainly local businesses.

"We are a local business and I think it's only right to use local businesses for this work," he said.

McNair said, once complete, the new store will offer much more to employees and customers alike.

"It's a major capital expense and we

are not going to go halfway on anything," he said.

The current location of the store was purchased by the First United Methodist Church for \$80,000, said Jim Jacoby chairman of the church's trustee board.

Jacoby said the reason the church purchased the building was to give them the option to expand its services or eventually create more parking for its members.

"The main benefit is to provide an opportunity, if they desire, to grow to the north," Jacoby said. "It is the first piece of the puzzle."



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Sosa brings life back to Kauffman

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

It may have been the last interleague series of the season for the Kansas City Royals, but having the Chicago Cubs come to town July 16-18 was nothing but exciting for the team and its fans, even though the Royals lost the series.

"The Cubs bring a following with them that a lot of teams don't have," said Mike Sweeney, Royals first baseman. "You know there is going to be big crowd representing them because of the proud tradition they have."

Not only are the Cubs followed by fans because of their deep and proud history, but because of players who bring charisma to the franchise.

"You gotta love a team that can produce players like Ryne Sandburg, Mark Grace, Kerry Wood and Sammy Sosa," said Joe Turner, Kansas City native. "This is a very proud team that is good in keeping the players that make the team."

"It's something the Royals need to seriously consider doing if they expect to have this much fan support every game."

A crowd of 36,855 attended the first game of the series not just for the Royals, but for the Cubs and for one man in particular — Sosa.

Chicago, 37-52 at the beginning of the series, came into the weekend seeking ways to improve its record just like the Royals, 40-48, in making a run for the Wild Card race.

The Cubs were first to strike as Sosa lead the charge, hitting two home runs in a 10-7 Chicago victory.

"We are equipped to have a great team, we are a younger team that is hungry to go out and win," Sosa said. "With me stepping up and hitting those home runs I feel that it can and will lift everybody's confidence."

Having jacked his 26th and 27th home runs of the year, Sosa moved ahead of Joe DiMaggio on the all-time list at 50th with 363 in his career.

"It's great for me to be in the book with those guys," Sosa said. "But, you know, right now it is better for me to be healthy and think about my body and trying to help this team win."

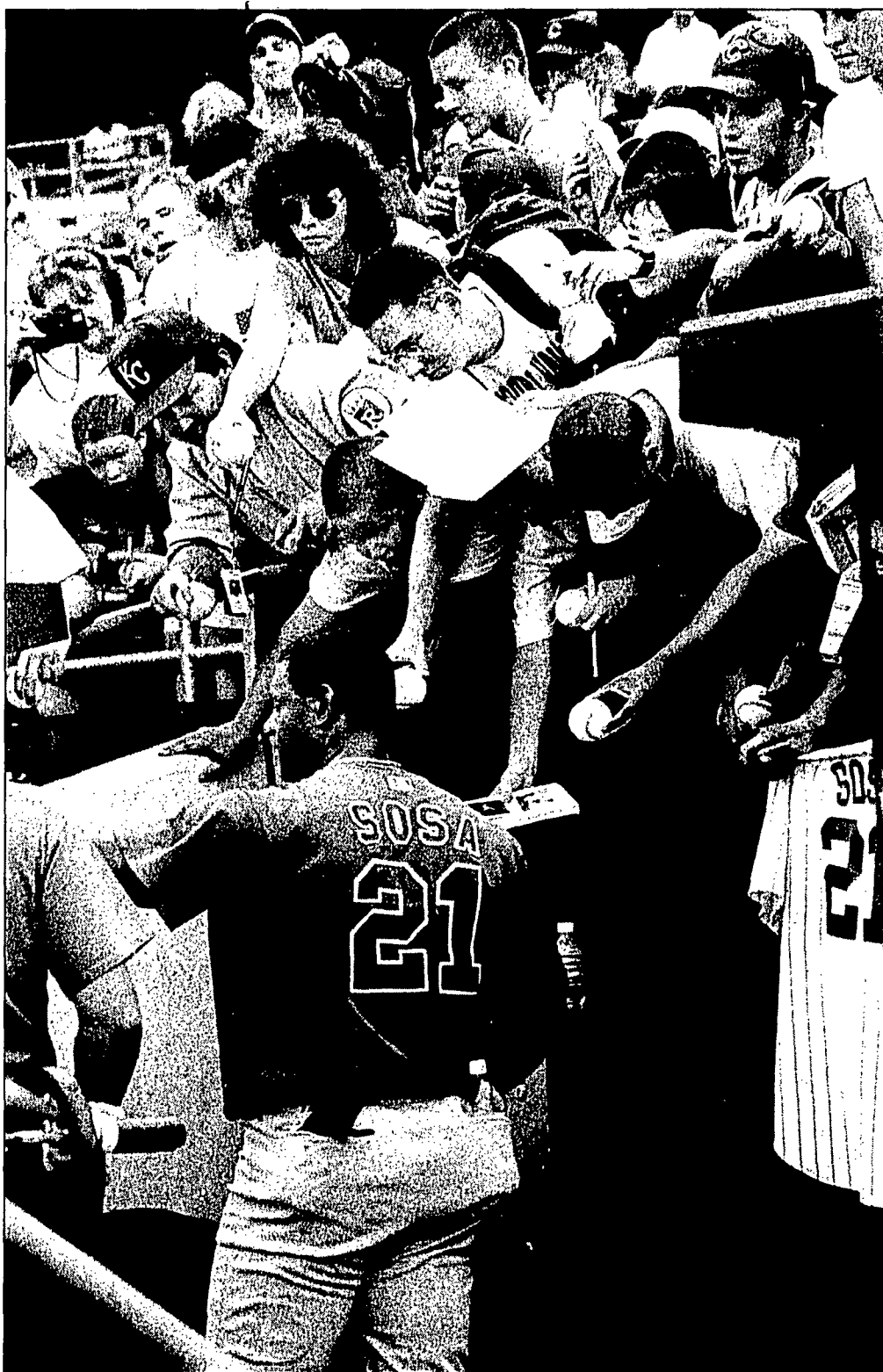
"It is going to be something that I am going to think about when I retire, but right now I am still hungry in making the post season."

Even though Sosa treated his accomplishment with a calm attitude, fans were gloating after seeing one of the best home run hitters in his prime.

"Seeing a marvelous event like that was unbelievably special," Raytown resident Heather Stone said. "Seeing Sammy play for the first time in person and watching him smack those homers is a great story I can tell my grandchildren."

Not only did the series seem to lift fans' spirits, but it also gave the Royals a chance to show off their talents on national television.

"We may not have played some of the better teams in the National League, but having the chance to play Chicago on ESPN 2 and Fox Sports will give us the opportunity to show the dedication and talent that is on this team," Sweeney said. "I know we had two representatives at the All-Star game, but there are players that work just as hard and have experienced good seasons."



Autograph seekers mob Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa before his game against the Kansas City Royals Sunday in both teams' last interleague series of the season. A crowd of 36,855 attended the first game of the series showing how a player's popularity can attract an audience.

Athlete receives national recognition

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One of Maryville's own has placed himself among the elite high school athletes of the country and will be recognized this week.

Derek Merrill, a sophomore at Maryville High School, was chosen from the top 5 percent of America's athletes as the Who's Who Male All-Star Athlete of the Week for July 17.

Who's Who in Sports promotes student-athletes around the country that have excelled in their sport, and is used by colleges as a reference in recruiting. Merrill has not succeeded in just one sport, but three.

His biggest accomplishments came as a freshman on the varsity wrestling team. Wrestling in the 112-pound division, Merrill went undefeated in conference meets.

Competing in tournaments he earned top finishes despite wrestling upperclassmen. Merrill also qualified for the State Wrestling

Championships, where he went 2-2, and ended his season as one of the top eight wrestlers in the state with a 28-7 record.

Wrestling is not the only sport that Merrill enjoys. As a member of the freshman football and baseball teams, he is active throughout the year.

Wrapping up a successful year as a freshman athlete, his baseball season ended with a 17-3-1 record. Merrill was a versatile asset, playing second base, catcher and occasionally pitching.

Merrill is not the only member of the family to play such an active role in athletics. Merrill has watched his brothers succeed as well.

His older brothers David, 21, and D.J., 19, were both successful football players as poolhounds. Now playing football and baseball for Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., they continue to be role models for their youngest brother.

Merrill's sister Danielle has also been active, and has been to the Who's Who Among America's

High School Students twice.

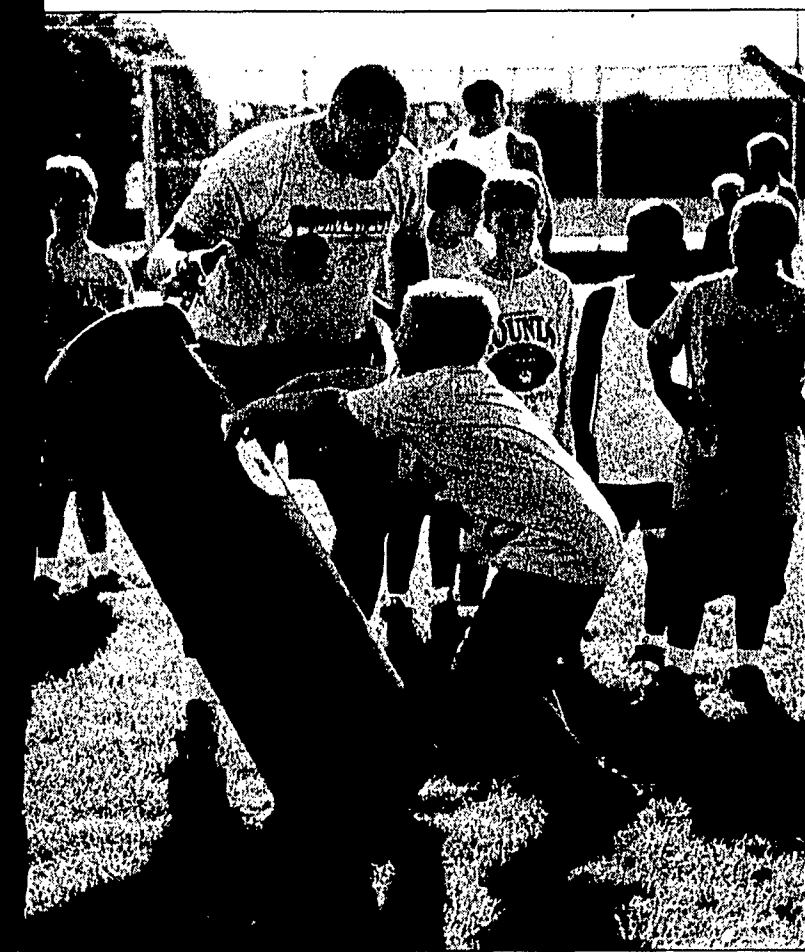
The family was informed of Merrill's achievement early in July. Only one female and one male throughout the United States are chosen each week for this honor. Merrill's achievement will be posted on the online version of the Who's Who publication, which can be found on the Internet at www.whoswhoallstars.com.

Despite his success in athletics, this stand-out athlete still finds time for other interests. An avid fisher, and active with Boy Scout Troop 74, Merrill is working to attain his Eagle rank.

Academically, he was an honor roll member at Maryville High School last year with a 3.72 grade point average.

All this success has not come without hard work, and Jean Merrill, Derek's mother, said he knows how to succeed.

"He's extremely self motivated and self disciplined," Jean said. "Derek knows what is expected of him and just does it on his own."



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Bearcat offensive lineman Andy Erpelding teaches the young players a lesson on the skills of an offensive lineman at the Northwest Youth Football Program's camp. Boys ranging from third to sixth grade took part in the three-day camp where the children were taught the fundamentals of football.

Bearcats teach campers basics

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

In the shadows of Northwest football players, camp participants had the opportunity to play with the "big boys" at the Northwest Youth Football camp July 11-13.

Sixty-one boys, ranging from third to sixth grade, attended the three-day camp for two hours each evening and learned the fundamentals of the game on the Bearcats' practice field.

This is the second year the camp has been conducted and the turnout has already improved, said Joella Holman, public relations chairwoman for the event.

"A lot more players have participated this year than last," Holman said. "We as parents are pleased to see the growing interest."

As a fund-raiser for the Northwest Youth Football Program, this interest is allowing the organization to buy new equipment for the fall season. Ten percent of the proceeds also went to the Bearcats for their efforts in helping these young athletes learn about the game.

Eric Carmichael, area-coordinator of the organization, said he was excited about what the camp offered the players.

"The idea behind this camp is to teach them some fundamentals while getting a chance to be around the Bearcats," Carmichael said. "The most important idea is to have them keep developing a love for the game."

Learning the fundamentals of a variety of positions on offense and

defense was the focus throughout the duration of the camp. Rotating through each station, campers learned from the Northwest players.

The boys participating were not the only ones enjoying themselves during the event. University players seemed to be having just as much fun as the campers, Carmichael said.

Scott Bostwick, Northwest defensive coordinator, and director of the camp's activities, said this camp was positive for both the Bearcats and campers.

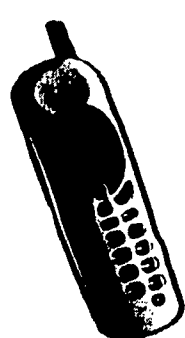
"This is a good deal for everybody involved," Bostwick said. "Kids can enjoy these players and see them without their helmets and pads on, and players get a chance to be role models."

Aside from the opportunity to play along side members of the Bearcat football team, campers received recognition at an awards ceremony conducted at the end of the camp.

Participation certificates were given to all the campers, as well as general admission tickets to the first home football game, Bostwick said. One participant received a Bearcat football helmet from a drawing.

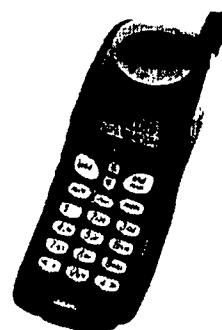
Bostwick said the young players took home more than just their awards after the three days of camp.

"We want these kids to get two things out of this camp," Bostwick said. "We want them to pick up some skills they can use, but most important, we hope they had fun and continue to enjoy the game of football."



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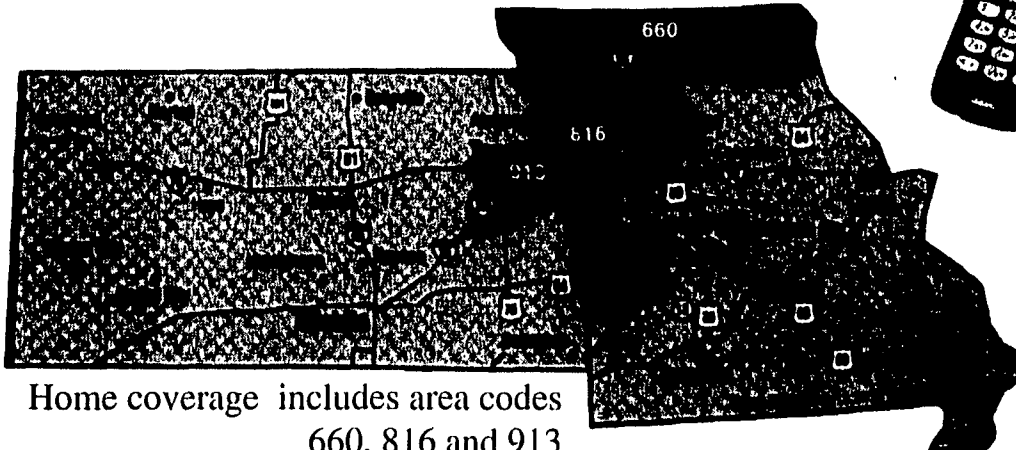
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Your Man critiques male behavior

Ah, the smell of testosterone is in the air ladies. Look out. Yes, what you smell out there is the aftermath of the bizarre phenomenon known as Work Weekend.

It's a phrase that many of us nonaffiliated types roll our eyes at and chuckle about. Sure, we still go out because we want to see our friends that come back to uh ... work, but since we lack the letters of our famous friends, we have every right to make fun of them, don't we?

Your Man warned you of this second-to-last column guys, you know, the one where Your Man loses the gloves and critiques the male species. Now, fortunately, there are guys like myself out there that don't always belong in the classification about to be listed, so ladies, you're still in luck. Unfortunately, you won't realize this until you're actually mature and out of college, but Your Man holds no grudges.

Let's start off with a wonderful example of how stupid guys can be — fighting. Yes, sometimes there are reasons to actually bare the muscles and duke it out with someone you don't even know. Beating you at darts, stealing your rubber ducky at the pool, and bumping into you at a local nightclub



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are all very logical reasons to act cool in front of the women, let me tell ya. It's pretty cool to see someone who is clearly inebriated pick a fight with a group of other drunken guys. Let's just say the odds aren't in your favor. But of course, the one guy in the group being singled out isn't going to back down, he's with his frat brothers and wants to go back and brag about this upcoming match. And the moral of this match? Stay in the corner of your cell while waiting for your brothers to collect enough keg money to bail you out.

Did you all see the stock prices of cologne companies rise this past week? You should have approached Your Man for ideas on how to make

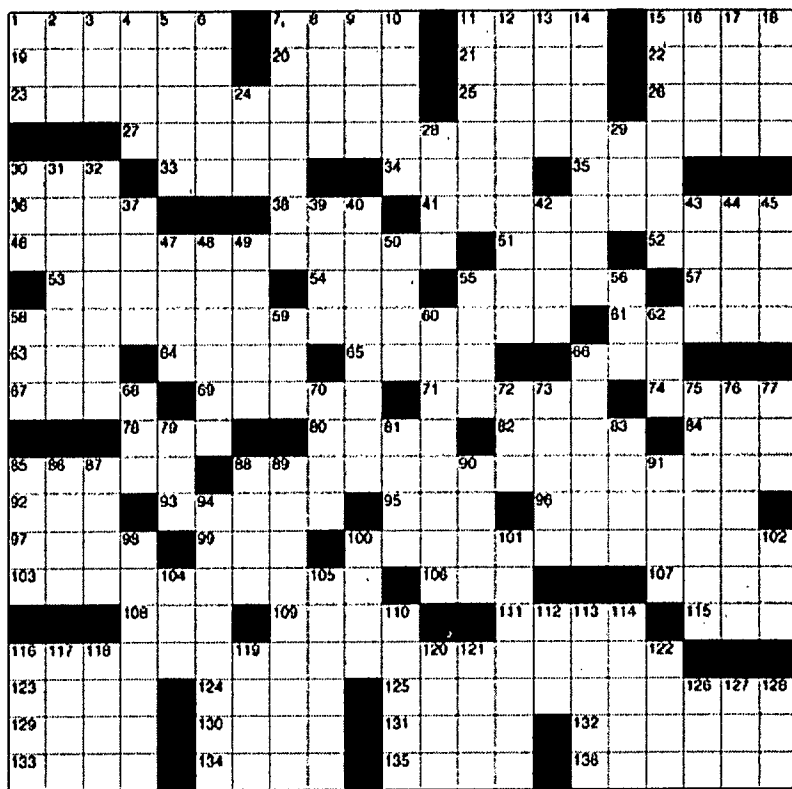
more money. Investing in CK and Tommy prior to Work Weekend was well worth holding out on Domino's for a week. Yes, it's sad to say that the male species this weekend was worse than sharks in a pool of blood. Talk about a feeding frenzy, Your Man was deathly afraid to take one step into the Outback for fear that they would all smell the independence of Your Man, and beat him up just on principle.

Your Man would like to take one last opportunity to say this: guys, when you hear of a lady having slept with more than one guy in her lifetime, what do you call her? Unfortunately, it's not nice. However, when the "well experienced" gigelow that you've become is approached on that matter, you get offended and make excuses. The thickness of what you're stepping in has gotten old and Your Man will think of a new name to call you and your kind by next week's last issue.

Yes, the time has come for Your Man to release the reigns and bequeath the throne of anonymity to another loser ready to rage war on all things you the reader are afraid to say in and among the general public.

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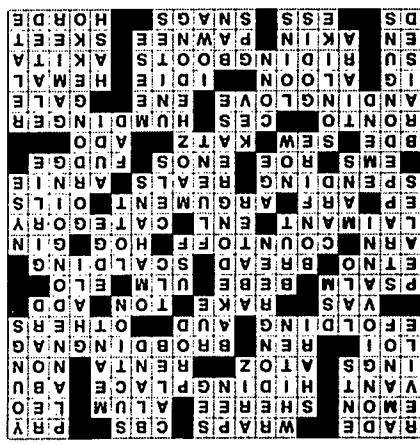
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- Nature study: abbr.
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- N.Y. city or river
- Shaq score
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- The Rock star
- King who scratched a lot?
- Ready to sail
- Answer and question guy
- Sign at the tail-end of a really long line?
- Entebbe incident figure
- Twist-apart snack
- Lose oomph
- Hazel follower
- Actress Foch
- Cornerstone abbr.
- Just another scandal involving those eels in Washington?
- Headline about the world?
- Chicago trains
- Dark skies, e.g.
- Otis Redding setting
- Org. for OR folks
- Waste matter
- Mun. code item
- Sure-fire way to know if an employee sneaked off to Hawaii?
- Caravan stop
- Sketchy subject?
- Gilda in Gilda
- Parlor, e.g.
- Boosts
- Belgian river
- Path start?
- Intense stars

- Hands on
- Crime writer Rule
- Microwave: slang
- Cake finisher
- "Clock 'n' spiel" grp.
- Sidestep
- Words of Introduction in The Hustler?
- Actress Bartok
- Ankle bone
- Vintage car
- Red stones
- Breathe hard
- Recording tape
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- Transposed or not, engaged in a game?
- Org. that regulates rates
- On
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- Backyard bubbler
- Headline about firemen who rescued a stuck Santa?
- TV commercial award
- Delhi weight (or backwards, gobs)
- Priceline.com's least popular hat?
- Corp. symbol
- Black, to poets
- Matty of baseball
- Bird of baseball
- Midwest gulf
- Tittles
- Gilda in Gilda
- "we forget"
- Export add-on

- Letters on jets
- He led a feudal existence
- Nome home
- is human?
- Some potatoes
- Frank Herbert opus
- Mit grad, perh.
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- They're out of control
- Forget
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- "Have to stay home ... sorry"
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- Tussaud, for one: abbr.
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- Women (nurses)
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- Hit the buzzer?
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- Actress Hatcher
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- Fixed amount
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- Rigoletto aria, "___ nome"
- Floor model
- Bribe
- Nonprofessional
- Babe villain
- Disadvantaged, singing-wise
- Timber tree
- Beneficial
- Doll makeup?

- Tolkien beings
- Uri's QB
- Bitter, old-style
- Creepy crawlers
- Tee store
- Remo
- Court divider
- Actress Deborah
- Singer McEntire
- Ed Wood in Ed Wood
- Track shape
- Actor Andrews
- Foofaraw
- Computerized captain
- Lavish attention (on)
- Director Wertmuller
- Hooked
- Big storm
- Succotash, partly
- Beat by a nose
- Desal-plant monitor
- Trav. heading
- Race city
- Flower part
- Qty. payment recipient
- Not (blah)
- "Symphony"
- Bruin's home
- Trudge
- Buster Brown's dog
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- New Haven campus
- Patient mgrs.
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